system itself should be done away with universally.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—Will the Government be good enough to abolish the system tentatively in one taluk and see whether it would result in any trouble?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government will consider the suggestion. But I request hon. members to remember that the night-kaval system is intended for the safety of the villagers concerned and certainly not to cause irritation or inconvenience to them.

Mr. MIR MAHOMED HUSSEIN.—The system is of no practical benefit to anybody and should be done away with.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Is there any age limit fixed with regard to the persons to be detailed for night-kaval duty?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No maximum limit is fixed. But the practice is that people who are above 60 years of age are not selected.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Are the Government aware that some persons who were above 60 years of age were also selected and when they refused, cases were filed against them also?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Such cases might be taken to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Will the Government consider the advisability of fixing a maximum age limit for this purpose?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—How is it that cases have been launched in 50 per cent of the villages in one taluk alone?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That may be due either to vigilance on the part of the patels concerned, or to slackness on the part of the people.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Compared to the other taluks, is not the number of cases registered in Hassan Taluk very much larger?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Are the Government aware that this system is being used by the patels as a weapon with which to wreak their vengeance on persons whom they do not like? If so, is it not an abuse of their powers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I do not think the position is so bad as that. If a case is registered and not proved, the party is let off. The person charged is fined only if the case is proved. Superior officers can find out whether cases are filed for valid reasons or not.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Even if a case is filed for valid reasons, is it not advisable to warn the party once or twice instead of fining him even on the very first occasion?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Government will consider that suggestion.

Mr. Y. V. MUNISWAMI IYER.—As night-kaval is intended for the purpose of preventing thefts and protecting properties of the villagers, it should not be discontinued. The patels take action only against persons who do not discharge their duty and not against anybody and everybody.

Feeder Channel from Sathehalla to Konanur Tank.

Q.—27. Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH (Arkalgud Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether survey operations have been completed and estimate prepared for a feeder channel from Satehalla for the supply of water to Konanur major tank in Arkalgud taluk;

(*b*) the amount of the estimate;

(*c*) the amount of contribution out of this which is fixed by Government to be paid by raiyats;

(*d*) whether they are aware that raiyats have become poor owing to the lands below the tank lying fallow?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1,40,000.

(*c*) Rs. 42,825 at Rs. 100 and Rs. 150 per acre of wet and dry lands, respectively, has been agreed to be paid by the raiyats.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—With reference to answer to (*a*), will the Government be pleased to state how many minor tanks are there on the way?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—About five.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Are there not 8 minor tanks?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If there are more, they will find mention in the records.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Is it not a fact that certain wet atchkats under these tanks have been left out of consideration?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Not likely.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Is it not a fact that the receipts in the shape of contribution also will be at least Rs. 10,000 more than the amount mentioned in the answer to question (*c*)?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I cannot say, exactly.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Taking that also into consideration, will the return from this scheme be such as to justify the construction of the feeder channel?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is the hope. But there is objection from the Coorg Government. We have addressed them again and we are awaiting their reply.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—What do the Government think about the objection of the Coorg Government?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government think that the interests of Coorg will not suffer in any way by the construction of the feeder channel in question.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Is there any other obstacle in the way of the work being taken up?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The only thing is that the return from the scheme is so small as 1·4 per cent. Even if the atchkat is more and a larger amount is collected in the shape of contribution, the return may not be more than 1·5 per cent or 1·6 per cent.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—The remissions now granted should also be taken into account. A larger amount is sure to be collected as contribution. The raiyats have volunteered to pay assessment at Rs. 10 per acre and the increased receipts on account of that should also be taken into consideration. All these things put together are sure to bring the percentage of return to a higher figure.

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—After the reply of the Coorg Government is received, the calculation will be made once again.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Is there any objection to finance this from the Irrigation Development Fund?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. The work must be carried out with the help of the revenue budget itself. Irrigation Development Fund is intended to be drawn upon only for purposes of works costing over one lakh of rupees.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—Is it not a fact that for the restoration of minor tanks, Government are not allotting sufficient funds?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Each case stands on its own merits.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—What is the return from the Thippaganahalli project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—2·37 per cent.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—From the Ragimakalahalli project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—3·06 per cent. These are all new works. They will take some time to pay.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Will not the Konanur Tank work yield a higher return than these two schemes?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We shall examine these things after information is received from the Residency.

Mr. S. SORAPPA.—Are the Government aware that in Sira Taluk the Ganadahunase Kere restoration work has been pending for the past 15 years?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Probably the estimate is under consideration. I shall however make a note of that case.

Mr. S. SORAPPA.—Is not the Kaggaladu tank restoration work also pending for a long time?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I shall note that, too.

Mr. S. SORAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Kalkote Tank is not getting sufficient water and requires to be repaired?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the raiyats see that the feeder channels are kept

in good order, that complaint will disappear.

Mr. K. MARULAPPA.—What is the reason for the inadequate supply received by the Madag tank ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We shall examine it.

Restoration of Tanks.

Q.—29. Mr. K. RAMANNA (Hole Narasipur Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of tanks in the State;

(*b*) (i) how many of them are restored ; and (ii) how many remain to be restored ;

(*c*) the total *jamabandi* of lands under tanks for 1937-38 ;

(*d*) the amount spent for restoration of tanks in the years 1935-36, 1936-37 and 1937-38 ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) 23,459 (both major and minor tanks).

(*b*) (i) 7,450 tanks are restored.

(ii) 16,009 tanks are to be restored.

(*c*) Rs. 34,56,331-7-2.

(*d*) 1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
12,85,592	11,72,573	16,02,734

Note.—The figures indicate the total cost on restoration of major and minor tanks and repairs to tanks and channels.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Of the 23,450 tanks in the State how many are major and how many minor ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—

Major Tanks ...	2,656
Minor Tanks ...	20,803

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Out of the 7,450 tanks restored, how many are major and how many minor ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—How many years did it take to restore these tanks ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Quite a long time. It is being done for many years past.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—In the answer, it is stated that in the year 1937-38, a sum of Rs. 16,02,734 was spent for restoration of tanks. Out of this, what was the amount received by way of contribution ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I cannot readily furnish those details.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—How long would it take to restore the remaining 16,000 tanks ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It must necessarily take a long time.

Mr. K. RAMANNA.—Are the Government not aware that the raiyats will be put to great difficulty if the tanks are not restored early ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Certainly. That is why funds are being provided year after year and works carried out.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG.—Last year, a promise was made that the Bechirak Bachehalli Tank would be taken up. But it is not included in the list of works to be undertaken next year. The preliminary survey is already over and an estimate also has been prepared. Will this work also be included in the next year's programme ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If it is a very urgent work, it can be included.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—How many unrestored tanks will be taken up in each district according to the present programme ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—What is the number of tanks restored in the channel areas and the number awaiting restoration ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—Will the Government expedite the restoration of tanks, particularly in the districts which are not served by channels ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. T. V. NARASINGAPPA.—In how many years, do the Government hope to restore all the tanks ?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is not possible to say that.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHY ACHAR.—With reference to the figures furnished in answer to (*d*) what is the amount